

Department of Criminal Justice Training

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DOCJT AWARDS OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

Richmond, KY - In December 2011, the Department of Criminal Justice Training recognized its outstanding employees and their accomplishments over the past year. Four top awards were given for Instructor of the Year, Administrative Person of the Year, Teamwork and the Commissioner's award.

Kelley Calk, Legal Training Section Staff Attorney, was named Instructor of the Year for 2011. Calk has served DOCJT for nearly nine years. Prior to coming to DOCJT, she worked for the Fayette County Attorney's Office, dealing primarily with domestic cases. She rolled that experience right into her position at DOCJT, where she has revamped the legal classes involving juvenile law to provide a more thorough and balanced teaching of the Juvenile Code statutes. She instructs classes regarding domestic violence. In an effort to better educate officers on domestic violence cases, she researched and provided a written guide for students and client agencies on Kentucky's domestic violence statutes. "Ms. Calk's dedication goes beyond merely instructing the law; she is dedicated to the principle that students not only hear the law, but also are able to find and apply the law to given scenarios," said Legal Training Section Supervisor Gerald Ross in his nomination letter. "[Her] expertise and attention to detail expands to professionals beyond the walls of DOCJT."

Anna Hudgins was named Administrative Person of the Year. Hudgins, who serves the DUI Enforcement Section, is responsible for entering grades and sending out breath test cards to more than 2,300 law enforcement officers across the state, for the on-line Intoxilyzer 5000 and 8000 courses. She serves as the contact person for students having problems with their online courses and responds in a timely, pleasant and effective manner, her nomination letter said.

In addition, she handles all the coordination for every aspect of the Basic Training breath test and DUI courses.

Jack Dyer was awarded Commissioner's Award for his nearly nine years of service to DOCJT. Though only part time, Dyer serves in the role of senior executive consultant for

the agency, and is not only called upon by the executive staff for counsel, but also is often contacted by fiscal staff of state agencies for advice in how to interpret their policies.

Dyer's distinguished service has been exemplified throughout his career through service to the Legislative Research Commission, State Auditor's Office, Motor Vehicle Commission and Cabinet for Public Protection and Regulation, as well as his 30 years serving as a professor of accounting and director of the MBA program at Eastern Kentucky University.

The DOCJT Teamwork Award was given to Ellan Gantz, Supply Branch; Richard Putnam, Information Systems Branch; Scott Saltsman, Basic Branch; and David Stone, Supply Branch, for their work on a computer-aided management program that greatly enhanced the operations of DOCJT and its ability to schedule the use of training resources and residence hall dormitory rooms. Their work helped improve agency efficiency and saved the commonwealth funding resources, ensuring the success of DOCJT's training mission, the nomination letter stated.

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